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a primary station communicating with a plurality of stations, the primary station including a radio having a receiver and a transmitter wherein:

- (i) said transmitter transmits synchronization information including an assignment of n transmission fixed periodic time slots, where n is an integer greater than 1, and n reception fixed periodic time slots on a selected frequency;
- (ii) said radio transceives [n concurrent] <u>a</u> duplex telephonic [communications] <u>communication</u> with the <u>plurality of stations</u> on the selected frequency wherein:
- (a) said transmitter transmits [a signal carrying] TX speech information to each of the plurality of stations [of n duplex telephonic communications, each] in a respective one of the n transmission time slots on the selected frequency; and
- (b) said receiver receives [signals carrying said] RX speech information from each of the plurality of stations [of each of said n duplex telephonic communications, each] in one of the n reception time slots on the selected frequency; and

the plurality of stations including:

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a base station receiving from the primary station the TX speech information originated from a secondary station in said respective transmission time slot and transmitting the RX speech information in said respective reception time slot; and

[associated with each one of said n concurrent duplex communications,] a secondary station having:

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- (i) a radio receiver which receives the synchronization information from the primary station and identifies the assignment of time slots and which receives <u>from the primary station</u> the TX speech information <u>originating from the base station</u> [of that said one duplex telephonic communication] in said respective transmission time slot [on the selected frequency]; and
- (ii) a radio transmitter which transmits the [signal carrying corresponding]

  RX speech information [of that said one duplex telephonic communication] in said respective reception time slot [on the selected frequency].
- 13. (Amended) A telecommunication system according to claim 11 [for conducting two concurrent duplex telephonic communications] wherein said primary station radio transmits an assignment of two transmission and two reception time slots.

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14. (Amended) A telecommunication system according to claim 11 wherein the [primary station is one of a plurality of subscriber units which telecommunicate with a base station and wherein at least one of said] secondary station [stations] is positioned outside [the] an operating range of said base station at a remote location whereat direct communication with said base station can not be made.

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15. (Amended) A telecommunication station for <u>communicating with a base</u> station and a secondary station [conducting a plurality of concurrent duplex communications

which comprise transmitted (TX) and received (RX) information] using wireless transmissions [between the station and one or more secondary stations over one of a plurality of available frequencies], the station comprising:

a transmitter which:

- (i) transmits synchronization information including the assignment of 2n fixed periodic time slots, where n is an integer greater than 1, on a selected frequency, n fixed periodic transmit time slots for transmission from said <u>telecommunication</u> station and n fixed periodic reception time slots for reception by said <u>telecommunication</u> station; and
- (ii) transmits [a signal carrying the] TX information to the base station and the secondary station [of n duplex communications] on the selected frequency[, each] in respective ones [one] of said n assigned transmit slots; and

a receiver which receives [signals carrying the] RX information from the base station and the secondary station [of said n duplex communications] on the selected frequency[, each] in respective ones [one] of said n assigned reception [slot] slots.

- 16. (Amended) A telecommunication system comprising the telecommunication station of claim 15 and [at least one] a secondary station which includes:
- (i) a secondary station receiver which receives the synchronization information from said telecommunication station, identifies the assignment of time slots on said selected frequency, and receives the TX information [of m, where m is an integer greater than 1 and

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less than or equal to n, of said duplex elephonic communications] on the selected frequency in a respective one [m] of said assigned transmit slots; and

- (ii) a secondary station transmitter which transmits a signal carrying the corresponding RX information of the miduplex telephonic communications on the selected frequency in m of said assigned reception slots.
- 17. (Amended) A telecommunication station according to claim 15 wherein the second station is a subscriber unit [which telecommunicates with a base station and also telecommunicates with at least one secondary station] which is positioned outside [the operating] a communicating range of said base station at a remote location whereat direct communication with said base station can not be made.

19. (Amended) A telecommunication station for communicating with a base station and a secondary station [conducting a plurality of concurrent duplex communications which comprise transmitted (TX) and received (RX) information] using wireless transmissions [between the station and one or more secondary stations over one of a plurality of available frequencies], the station comprising:

a transmitter which:

(i) transmits synchronization information including the assignment of fixed periodic time slots on a selected frequency, at least two fixed periodic transmit time slots for

transmission from said <u>telecommunication</u> station and at least two fixed periodic reception time slots for reception by said <u>telecommunication</u> station; and

(ii) transmits a signal carrying [the] TX information transmitted from the base station [of a first duplex communication] on the selected frequency in a first assigned transmit slot and carrying [the] TX information transmitted from the second station [of a second duplex communication] on the selected frequency in a second assigned transmit slot; and

a receiver which:

- (i) receives [a signal darrying] the RX information [of said first duplex communication] transmitted from a [secondary] base station on the selected frequency in a first assigned reception slot; and
- (ii) receives [a signal carrying] the RX information [of said second duplex communication] transmitted from a secondary station on the selected frequency in a second assigned reception slot.
- 20. (Amended) A telecommunication station according to claim 19 wherein the [station is a subscriber unit which telecommunicates with a base station and also telecommunicates with at least one] secondary station [which] is positioned outside [the operating] a communicating range of said base station at a remote location whereat direct communication with said base station can not be made.

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## Please add the following new claims:

- --22. A telecommunication system according to claim 11 wherein the secondary station is one of a plurality of secondary stations and the primary station communicates between each of the plurality of secondary stations and the base station using a plurality of available frequencies including the selected frequency.
- 23. A telecommunication system according to claim 22 wherein each available frequency has a same time slot format and time synchronization as the selected frequency.
- 24. A telecommunication system according to claim 11 wherein the primary station is transparent to the base station and the secondary station.

25. A telecommunication system according to claim 11 wherein the primary station cleans received RX information prior to transmission as TX information.

26. A telecommunication station according to claim 15 wherein the secondary station is one of a plurality of secondary stations and the telecommunication station communicates between each of the plurality of secondary stations and the base station using a plurality of available frequencies including the selected frequency.

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27. A telecommunication station according to claim 26 wherein each available frequency has a same time slot format and time synchronization as the selected frequency.

28. A telecommunication station according to claim 15 wherein the telecommunication station is transparent to the base station and the secondary station.

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29. A telecommunication station according to claim 15 wherein the primary station cleans received RX information prior to transmission as TX information.

30. A telecommunication station according to claim 19 wherein:

the secondary station is one of a plurality of secondary stations and the telecommunication station communicates between each of the plurality of secondary stations and the base station using a plurality of available frequencies including the selected frequency; and

each available frequency has a same time slot and time synchronization as the selected frequency.

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31. A telecommunication station according to claim 19 wherein the primary station

is transparent to the base station and the secondary station .--